appropriate decison within a period of four weeks. The Court had adjourned the hearing till 16th January, 2006. As the matter for recoupment of the Seamen's Provident Fund is still under consideration, the Government have sought the extension of time from the Hon'ble Court upto 11th June, 2006. Although the Government had not given any commitment for one time payment for recoupment of Seamen's Provident Fund, Government is considering ways to find a suitable solution.

Development of ports in Orissa

2803. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a Centrally sponsored scheme for promotion of coastal shipping;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to develop minor ports to take over the load of container traffic of major ports; and

(d) if so, the details of minor ports that are proposed to be developed along Orissa coast for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The proposal is at the preliminary stage of discussion and no decision has been taken to set up a centrally sponsored scheme in this regard.

(c) and (d) Ports other than major ports are under the overall jurisdiction of the respective State Governments in whom the responsibility for development of these ports vests. Responsibility for development of ports other than major ports along the Orissa coast, therefore, vests in the Government of Orissa.

International Container Trans-Shipment Terminal

2804. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state: